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THE LIBERAL, REPUBLICAN

IN the national Liberal Republican movement of 1872 Mr, Schurz<was from the outset the leading spirit. His non-partisan success in Missouri, his brilliant achievements in the Senate, and both the moral tone and the intellectual quality of his appeals to public opinion, whether as journalist or as popular orator, had won him the applause of thinking men in all parts of the country; while tens of thousands of the best German-Americans had long regarded him with pride and welcomed his friendly political counsel.

During the recess of Congress in the summer and autumn of 1871, he varied the quiet course of his editorial occupation in St. Louis with political addresses, notably at Chicago early in August and at Nashville late in September. The spirit and purpose underlying these speeches are best expressed in a long, confidential letter to Stunner, of September 30th:

" Grant and his faction carry at present everything before them by *force majewe.* The organization of the Republican party, is almost entirely in the hands of the office-holders and ruled by selfish interest. In all you say about Grant, you are uacpestionably right. You ask me, what can be done to avert ife calamity of another four years of such rule? I answer* we iraist act with energy. I am fully determined not to sit stilt I flotiM I'Bjov whether we cam prevent his nomination.

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